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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's  
attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,270,206
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,382,783
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,402,308
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,422,674
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,450,631
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 6,471,343
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 6,505,923
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 6,511,167
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 6,530,654
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 6,543,886
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 6,550,898
- (12) U.S. Patent No. 6,554,411
- (13) U.S. Patent No. 6,598,963
- (14) U.S. Patent No. 6,702,427
- (15) U.S. Patent No. 6,709,092
- (16) U.S. Patent No. 6,712,458
- (17) U.S. Patent No. 6,742,857
- (18) U.S. Patent No. 6,805,434
- (19) U.S. Patent No. 6,824,258

- (20) U.S. Published Applicatoin No. 2003-0043241
- (21) U.S. Published Application No. 2003-0234844
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- (23) JP 2001-270131
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The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>INVENTORS</u>
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As permitted by 1276 O.G. 55, copies of U.S. Patent documents are not enclosed. Copies of the Japanese references, and English-language abstracts therefor, are enclosed herewith. The Japanese references were cited in the specification at page 4, and are believed to be pertinent for the reasons noted therein.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing and returning the appropriate portion of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

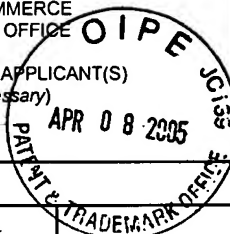
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